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FOR NEA DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIES FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJ: COLLEGE OF PETROLEUM AND MINERALS-- AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES
CONSORTIUM CONTRACT

1. CONGEN DHAHRAN REPORTS SOME MISUNDERSTANDING AND APPARENT CONFLICT BETWEEN COLLEGE' S DEAN BAKR AND MEMBERS OF AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES ADVISORY CONSORTIUM, WHICH INCLUDES PRINCETON, MIT, CORNELL AND OTHERS. THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME RISK THAT PRINCETON REPRESENTATIVE DAVID HAZEN WILL RECOMMEND PRINCETON' S WITHDRAWAL AND THAT MIT WOULD THEN ALSO WITHDRAW.

2. FYI: REPORT COMES FROM DR . ROBERT HALL, COLLEGE' S PRINCIPAL AMERICAN ADVISER WHO, THOUGH BRILLIANT AND DEVOTED, HAS IN PAST SOMETIMES PROVED ALARMIST ABOUT COLLEGE PROBLEMS. END FYI. ADVISORY CONSORTIUM HAS PLAYED VERY VALUABLE ROLE IN ASSISTING COLLEGE TO MAINTAIN HIGH STANDARDS IN ITS STEADY PROGRESS TOWARD BECOMING TECHNICAL INSTITUTION OF REAL EXCELLENCE. IF REPORT WERE TRUE IT COULD REPRESENT SETBACK FOR COLLEGE' S PROSPECTS OF ACHIEVING ITS GOALS.

3. WE RECOGNIZE DELICACY OF DEPARTMENT' S APPEARING INTERVENE IN POSSIBLE DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN CPM AND ITS ADVISERS. HOWEVER, YOU WILL RECALL THAT ADVISORY CONSORTIUM IDEA WAS INITIALLY SUGGESTED BY MY PREDECESSOR AND MEMBERS HAVE OCCASIONALLY REVIEWED WITH US PROGRESS OF THEIR EFFORTS.

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4. ACCORDINGLY, I THINK DAVID HAZEN WOULD NOT TAKE IT AMISS IF
YOU WERE TO PHONE HIM AND ASK IF ALL GOES WELL IN CONSORTIUM' S
EFFORTS CONTINUE ASSIST CPM IN CHARTING ITS

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